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HARVEST THAT GRASS AND LEGUME SEED

With a shortage of grass and legume seeds just around the corner, members of the State AAA Committee are calling on New Mexico farmers to go all out in seed harvesting.

"Unfavorable weather and the increased war demands for forage and food crops have resulted in decreased legume and grass seed harvests for the last two years," _____, chairman of the _____ County ACA Committee, said. "We are now faced with the possibility that the available supply will fall far short of requirements this year. Forage and conservation needs are critical in America and in liberated areas."

Regardless of previous allowances and limitations, farmers will be paid $3.50 for the entire acreage of grass and legume seed harvested. Additional payments will be made for red clover, alsike, and alfalfa seed, provided the seed meets certain specifications. The pound payment rate will be 3½ cents (clean basis) for red clover and 2½ cents (clean basis) for alsike and alfalfa.

TIMBER!

Timber cut from New Mexico's seven national forests under commercial sales and exchange in the past fiscal year totaled 47,710,000 board feet, worth $155,361 on the stump, the regional office of the Forest Service announced today.

In addition to the 47,710,000 board feet of timber cut under commercial contracts, 1,152,000 board feet were cut in 917 "cost sales." Cost sales at $1.00 per thousand board feet are made to farmers, stockmen, and other residents of the state.

The Santa Fe national forest, with supervisor's headquarters in Santa Fe, led New Mexico with 23,262,000 board feet of timber worth $82,170. The Cibola, with headquarters at Albuquerque, was second with 7,326,000 board feet valued at $21,858.

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NEW MEXICO TRUCK TIRE QUOTA CUT DRASTICALLY

New Mexico's August quota for truck tires (8:25 x 20 and larger) has been cut to 230, less than half the July quota for the state, according to H. L. Galles, rationing executive of the District Office of Price Administration.

Increased military demands and a shortage of skilled manpower are responsible for the cut, Mr. Galles said.

WFA ACTS TO INCREASE PROTEIN PELLET SUPPLY

More protein pellets should result from a WFA action which provides what amounts to a bonus of protein meal to mixed feed manufacturers who produce pellets during the July-September quarter. Protein meals used in the manufacture of cubes and pellets containing not less than 30 per cent protein will not be charged against the manufacturer's maximum total for the year, provided that he produces more pellets than he did during 1942 and 1943.

1945 ACP PROGRAM IS BEING PREPARED

While farmers carry out conservation practices under the 1944 Agricultural Conservation Program, the 1945 program is being prepared for early announcement. The new program has come up from the grass roots through recommendations to the state AAA Committees by the elected community and county farmer-committeemen of the Agricultural Adjustment Agency. It is almost ready to return through the same channels for final adaptation to local conditions.

Congress has authorized the AAA to plan a 1945 program for which total expenditures will not exceed $300,000,000--approximately the same as the 1944 program. Practices which will increase food production will be emphasized.

44TH SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT IS FORMED

By a vote of 123 to 1, landowners in the Silver City area have approved formation of the 2,000,000-acre Grant Soil Conservation District, a spokesman of the New Mexico Soil Conservation Committee announced today.

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The chief purpose of the district will be to promote range improvement; and only ranch lands will be included in the area, according to regulations adopted by the landholders.

The next step in the creation of the district will be the selection of five supervisors to manage its operations.

There are now 44 soil conservation districts in New Mexico, totaling approximately 34,000,000 acres.

DEFINITION OF ARMY STYLE BEEF CHANGED

Army style beef is now defined as "dressed steer carcasses weighing from 400 to 1,100 pounds and dressed heifer carcasses weighing between 350 and 600 pounds, grading U. S. choice, good, commercial, and utility." Beef meeting this description is subject to WFA's set-aside requirements.

YOU MAY HAVE TO GET ALONG ON STEEL

New Mexico has a July quota of only four tires for use in converting steel-wheeled tractors and other farm implements to rubber.

"Obviously it will be impossible for the State AAA Committee to do anything more than make allocations covering extreme hardship cases," Chairman C. V. Hemphill said. "Allocations will be based on recommendations from the county AAA offices."

ELLIS STEPS UP IN THE FOREST SERVICE

W. C. Ellis, procurement officer in the regional forest office, is transferring to the Washington office of the Forest Service as chief of equipment and supplies. Mr. Ellis, who entered the Forest Service in 1926, has been in the Albuquerque office for nine years. He is a major in the New Mexico State Guard.

OPA EXEMPTS FIELD SEED BEANS

Farmers can obtain premiums for certified and premium grades of dry edible beans as a result of OPA's exemption of field seed beans from price control. This action was taken to aid the War Food Administration's dry edible bean program.

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ELECTRIC MOTOR MANUFACTURERS READY TO GO

Manufacturers of small electric motors have advised WPB that they can resume production of appliance motors within 60 days after military programs are canceled. Nearly all new motors have been going into direct war uses.

NO WONDER AMERICANS DRINK WATER

About 400,000,000 bushels of corn of the 3,464,000,000-bushel crop of 1943 were required for industrial uses. These uses included penicillin, explosives, sulfa drugs, vitamin products, surgical dressings, printing inks, paper, rubber, asbestos, shipping containers, and fibrous glass cloth.

FARM NEWS BRIEFS

June deliveries of food and other agricultural products under lend-lease and other war programs totaled 806,942,749 pounds—about 24 per cent less than deliveries in May. The British Empire got 58 per cent, Russia 32, and other claimants 10.

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Production of commercial truck crops this summer will be about 13 per cent greater than last year and about nine per cent above the ten-year average.

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Special price increases are allowed on turkeys from July through October to encourage early marketing of birds needed by the Army.

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New maximum prices have been set on sulphate of ammonia delivered in bags or in bulk to New Mexico and six other Western states.

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Creamery butter is back at a 16-point ration value following a three-month holiday at 12 red points per pound. Farm butter will continue at 8 red points and processed butter at 4 red points a pound.

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